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## Corner Stone Laying County Home Sunday Sept. 15.

### NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

Atlantic City, August 24.—What is regarded as one of the most significant events of the year and an epochal one in the annals of the race is the Nineteenth Annual Session of the National Negro Business League, which met in this city this week beginning August 21 and ended Friday evening with one of the most notable social functions of the season among Afro-Americans. The outstanding features of the sessions were the addresses of welcome by Governor W. E. Edge, Mayor Bachrach, Dr. R. R. Moton and Hon. Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

In devolving the welcome address on behalf of the State of New Jersey he spoke of the great progress made by the race in the face of the blind prejudice which confronts it. He said that the attaining of education first was the stepping stone to branch out and become a part of the business of the country. He gave a clear definition of democracy and said that it must be emphasized at home as well as abroad.

Continuing he said: "We are talking democracy and writing about it but getting further and further away from it. We are going to understand one another better."

We have among the troops white and colored and men of every nationality, now all Americans, of course. We have nearly every race thrown together and properly so.

They are going to be more tolerant of one another's viewpoint when they come home to take up their civic responsibilities. I hope then that this class prejudice will be eliminated for all times. (Prolonged applause and cheers.)

#### MAYOR BACHRACH.

Mayor Bacharach followed the Governor. After paying a high tribute to the Negro as a citizen he dwelt upon the men of color who readily responded to the present draft and also when a call for 20 or more men was made 90 or more always responded. His rendering of the poem entitled, "A Little Service Flag," moved many of the visitors to tears. His gift of the key of the city to the league was greeted with applause which lasted five minutes.

President Napier in accepting the key said that since the organization of the league, in its annual sessions from city to city, Atlantic City leads, as this is the first key that has ever been presented to the National Negro League.

#### Dr. Morton's Response.

With his native witicism and eloquent manner of reaching his audience, Dr. R. R. Moton, the recognized leader of his race, ably responded to the welcome address of Gov. Edge and Mayor Bacharach. He singled out inspiring facts revealing the intense loyalty of his race and cited the thrilling events of the battle of Carlisle. He gave a plain interpretation of what democracy meant and asserted that the Negro was unwaveringly loyal to his country and expected his contribution to bring him and things that have been long deferred.

His masterly presentation of certain phases of the Negro's life and his constant devotion to his country despite his proscriptions and his inspiring optimism combined with his happy way of reaching his applauding

audience demonstrated that he has the confidence of the leaders.

Hon. J. C. Napier, president of the body, ably presided and was assisted by Charles Banks, of Mount Bayou, Miss., and Chas. H. Brooks, of Philadelphia. His annual message was brim full of interesting facts and greatly inspired the vast audience.

The message brought by Captain Spingarn and eloquently accentuated by Dr. Roman, of Nashville, Tenn., who also elicited unstinted applause from the audience that filled Fitzgerald's Auditorium, in which most of the sessions were held, was one fraught with facts of vital import to the race and nation.

It was clearly demonstrated at this session that the mantle of the illustrious Dr. Washington has fallen upon Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute. Every time that he spoke he was given the kind of ovation which showed that his leadership is appreciated by the masses of the races and leaders of the race from every section of the country.

Hon. Emmett J. Scott in beginning the symposium on "Winning the War" made one of the best patriotic addresses that has been delivered in this city. Throughout his memorable address he reached his vast audience and aroused a kind of enthusiasm that is needed for the winning of the War.

Mr. Scott in his report called attention to the fact that in his first registration 737,626 negroes were registered out of a total of 9,586,506; that is to say 7.69 per cent of the total registration of June 5, 1917, was composed of colored men called by the Provost Marshal General's office up to and including July 15, 1918, was 227,541, while the total number called to August 8, 1918, was 311,308.

He spoke in detail of what the colored people of the country are doing to help win the war, mentioning, among other things that some forty colored chaplains are now serving in the National Army along with one thousand colored officers who have been commissioned as captains, first and second lieutenants in the United States Army and in the Medical Reserve Corps.

#### War for Liberty.

In his address he said the negro in the present war for liberty and world-wide democracy was proving to be a noble and inspiring figure. The recent exhibition of independent valor on the part of negroes in France served to bring anew to the people of this country and the world at large the worth of the negro as a factor in the productive and protective forces of the republic.

Two divisions of negro troops are now in France with eight combat regiments to be trained in various cantonments in the country. He called attention to the authorization by the War Department of the colored Red Cross Nurses and spoke of the opportunities that are being provided for the technical training of colored men in many institutions of learning.

Among the many distinguished speakers and visitors were Judge Robt. Terrell, Dr. George E. Haynes, Director of Negro Economics of the Department of Labor; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, A. U. Craig, of the Food Administration; T. M. Campbell, District Agent of the Extension Work in Alabama; Dr. J. W. E. Owens, Prof. W. T. B. Williams, C. C. Spaulding, and a number of bishops and Major J. T. Tandy, the noted architect.

ments in full have been made this week:

Dr. M. H. Lambright, \$100.00—

Prof. J. R. E. Lee, \$25.00—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moten, Horace Bishop, Once more, won't you do your duty and help us finish the hospital?

Mr. George Stewart and Mr. Emmett Hughes spent the week-end in Topeka visiting relatives, returning to Kansas City Saturday evening. Mr. Stewart left for Chicago Saturday night and Mr. Hughes left Sunday night for a visit in Guthrie, Okla.



DR. J. EDWARD PERRY

Kansas City's foremost Physician and Surgeon, who will return next week from a visit to Mayo Brothers at Rochester and distinguished Medical friends in Chicago.

Dr. Perry writes "Push the Wheatley-Provident Hospital!" and we sincerely hope the Masons, the U. B. F.'s, the Oddfellows, the Women's Clubs and all individuals who have promised to do certain things for the hospital will have performed their task before the date of opening September 22.

### MENACE OF THE PASEO

PROF. LEE SOUNDS A WARNING TO NEGLIGENT PARENTS.

The Sun Spoke of This Evil Some Months Ago, But Some Parents Will Not Take Heed Until Too Late.

We are doing the worst thing in the world when we neglect even the most trivial thing that may lead to the guidance and protection of our girls and boys. Society is not enlightened and parents are not intelligent if they fail to throw every safe guard around the children of a community in their work or play.

In order to prevent boys from hurtful deviltry and girls from a certain sly wantonness, calls for a public system of chaperoning at the place wherein these things are flagrantly committed. An indifference apparently manifested by those who should be most concerned is probably the cause of the following complaint: The Paseo at the Bath House, between 15th street and the Parade Way, furnishes the scene of many a scandal and crime among a host of young people. Children who should long have been spanked and put to bed are seen roving and loitering in clandestine ways at a late hour of night to the disgust of decent people who have to pass that way on their honest and legitimate bents. It is a burning shame! To think that some children are permitted by evidently sloven parents to indulge in these obnoxious things even right in sight of the public eye. Such is as awful as can be.

Somebody is tardy, somebody is not on the job as somebody should be. As things exist now, it is an offensive series of bold crap games in the day featured by boys and the regular shady episode by wayward girls and their brazen male partners at night. One must finally ask who is to blame? How can these things be remedied? Surely these things can be regulated out of existence!

This question should find immediate attention from the public and should furnish cause and incentive enough for the appointment of capable supervision of this particular park and playground! Day and night, girls should be properly chaperoned at all times and their actions should be governed by protective rules and regulations and these should be enforced by those appointed or constituted to do so. It is remarkable that such a vast beautiful expanse devoted to the recreation of a large class of people is without proper supervision, but civic improvement requires that we have such. If the work of our schools is to reach a glorious unhindered fruition in young manhood and womanhood, it must not thus be continually slapped in the face by the loose acts now so rampantly practiced in this park.

The school undertakes to build up and encourage the best instincts in all of its pupils as well as it suppresses what ugly manifestations it may discover but it certainly expects the aid of parent and public in influencing the child when out from under its immediate jurisdiction.

If our girls either by their own inclination or by parental inertia are not to be dishonored and disturbed, we must labor for their regulation and protection at all times.

### WHEATLEY PROVIDENT HOSPITAL BENEFIT.

Blind Boone, THE WORLD'S FAMOUS PIANIST-PRODIGY, assisted by local talent, will give a recital at the Academy Hall, 14th and Michigan avenue, Thursday evening, September 12. The proceeds above expenses will be for the Nurses' Furnishings of the Wheatley Provident Hospital. At the close of the Boone recital a reception will be held with good music and refreshments will be served by four of the Ladies' Clubs, the Athenaeum, Harmony, Twelve Charity Girls and The Græco.

Every race man and woman of the city is urged to make the contribution of at least the admission fee to this recital. Every Woman's Club and other organizations of the city are asked to become a patron of this entertainment by the sale of at least 20 tickets (adult). Admission for adults 50c, including war tax. Children 25c, including war tax.

J. R. E. LEE, Chairman of Hospital Furnishing Committee.

### ODD FELLOWS DEFY RULING OF SUB-COM. OF MANAGEMENT

New York, Aug. 28.—What is destined to be one of the bitterest fights waged by the members of any organization whether civic, fraternal, religious or political, is that which faces the members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America.

For years the members of the executive body known as the Sub-Committee of Management (the members of which are elected at session of the Biennial Movable Committee), have been terrorizing the members of the various subordinate lodges throughout the jurisdiction, to so great an extent that they now seek to spread the German spirit of Kaiserism in their every act. The most recent ruling of the Board of the Sub-Committee of Management, which consists of nine men, is the order seeking to nullify the convening of the Nineteenth B. M. C. which was scheduled to meet in the City of New York on Monday, Sept. 9. According to the General Laws of the Order, Law V, Sections 1, 2 and 3, the delegates elected by each subordinate lodge shall comprise the members of the B. M. C., and they shall decide the day and date, time and place of each succeeding biennial session.

The members of the Sub-Committee of Management being elected by the delegates to the various B. M. C.'s, are purely the creatures of such, and therefore have no rights whatever in ordering the postponement of a session that was fixed by the B. M. C. in convention assembled. With the hope of carrying out to effect their personal ambitions which plainly show evidences of German Kultur, the members of the Sub-Committee, headed by Grand Master Edward H. Morris, through the Odd Fellows Journal (the official organ of the order) issued a mandate last January tending to call off the session of the Nineteenth B. M. C. With the country thrown into the World's War when the Allied Forces are fighting for Government of the People and by the People, think of Governor of the State, or the President of the United States sending forth such a proclamation to the people of the electorate saying that as a war measure there shall be no election of State or National officers. Any such order promulgated by the State or Nation's Chief Executive making themselves perpetual office holders would be contrary to the merits of the Constitution of the United States, and serve as just cause for rebellion.

The members of the Order in certain sections of the country have therefore risen in righteous wrath, and are determined to hold the Nineteenth B. M. C. during the week beginning September 9 next.

### LYNCHINGS IN THE SOUTH.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

I want to thank you for your reply to "Traveler" in the Public Pulse column on the 20th inst. relative to lynchings in the South. "Traveler" is evidently a Southerner and it is for that reason I would like to add a few words to what has already been so well said by you, as I am also a native Southern man. My ancestry, both paternal and maternal, held slaves and fought to maintain that right of ownership in the war between the states. I feel qualified to make a statement on the subject of the race question as one who has knowledge and understanding of the Southern Negro. Not all the crimes against white women are committed by the blacks; there have been many instances where an innocent man has been lynched and afterward discovery was made that the perpetrator of the deed was a white man disguised as a Negro, even to the wearing of a woolly wig.

You surely stated a truth in reference to Negro women. As long as Southern white men may outrage the virtue of the latter with impunity they must anticipate the same treatment toward their own women by some of the criminal blacks. It is the old law of reaping and sowing; the law of compensation that has governed the human race ever since it came into being on this earth. If the Southern man were really con-

cerned as to the welfare of the Southern women and less actuated by racial prejudice he would do well to start house cleaning by reforming the morals of the youth of his section by both precept and example. The Golden Rule must and will prevail in all our relations with mankind. These facts seem hard for Southerners to understand, but there will come an awakening. It is only a question of time and education when justice will be enthroned throughout the world. Permit me to again express my appreciation of the broad views expressed in the article referred to above as being to the point and without the least bit of prejudice. You have stated a plain fact and as an honest man, familiar with such fact, I want to voice my praise for the "retort courteous. Truly the course of slavery lingers."—A Native of Louisiana.—Minneapolis Tribune.

### COLORED LIEUTENANT HAS RIGHT "DOPE"

New York, N. Y.—It was a Negro lieutenant, attached to an American regiment, who figured out accurately just how far from Paris, France, was the big gun which has been bombarding that city from a distance of 72 miles. He measured the inclination of two holes where the shell went through two nearby walls, and the rest was only a question of mathematics.

### REV. M. L. CLAY DEAD.

Rev. Mark L. Clay, 59 years of age, died last Saturday morning at his residence, 304 Franklin avenue, Kansas City, Kas., and was buried from King Solomon Baptist Church last Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, Masonic fraternity and the United Brothers of Friendship. Rev. Clay was a minister of the gospel for forty-three years, was a member of Hughes Lodge No. 23, Louisiana, Mo., for forty years and of the United Brothers of Friendship for twenty-nine years, at the time of his death being a member of J. W. Hurst Lodge of this city. He was Moderator of the Mt. Zion Association for thirteen years, of the Kaw Valley Association one year, member of the Board of Trustees of Western University for eight years. He was married to Miss Rosa Williams, one of the most cultured and prominent young women of Moberly, Mo., in 1888, and to them were born two splendid sons, who with their mother and a host of friends mourn his loss.

"Servant of God, well done; Rest from thy blest employ, The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

The Sunday School Rally and Cradle Roll which was held at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon was a complete success. The amount of money raised was \$26.36. Success was due to the never tiring efforts of the two teachers, Mrs. L. Parker and Mrs. Butler, and the superintendent, Mr. Wm. Henderson.

### YES,

### You Have to Register!

Questions of men past forty-five, but not yet forty-six have kept telephone wires of local and district draft boards here busy answering this particular question:

"If I am past forty-five do I have to register?"

The answer is: "Yes, if you are not 46 years of age."

The section covering this, which is in regulation number 3, part 1, section 4, reads:

"Persons required to register: All male persons who shall have attained their eighteenth birthday and shall not have attained their forty-sixth birthday on or before the date set for registration, September 12."

A person who registered under the former law, of course, does not have to register a second time.

### THE NEGRO AND OLD GLORY.

By Walter Williams, Jefferson City, Mo.

In vain do we seek for our equal right, Oh why do you cast us aside? Is it our dark skin that hurts your sight, Or because we have fought, bled and died?

You brought us here from the African hills And made us on this land remain. You protect all foreigners when they come to this land, Then why not protect us the same?

When you were in trouble you asked us to help; When at peace, then you drive us away. In the war with Spain our power was felt And you will need us again some day.

We have fought for Old Glory and marched in the sun, And we have never let the old flag fall. Its Stars and Stripes for all that come But no Stars for the Negro at all.

Treat us like men and give us our rights; Be honest and don't be ashamed. We have often been tried and always denied, But willing to be tried again.

### A WONDERFUL PREACHER.

Bishop N. C. Cleaves Delivers a Series of the Most Remarkable Lectures Ever Heard in This City.

A Giant in Intellect, a Philosopher in Argument and a Demosthenes in Oratory, He is What the Westerner Would Call in the Vernacular "A Gully Washer," and the Southerner Would Call "The Trash Burner."

At the Jamison Temple, 1815 Paseo, last Sunday night, we had the pleasure of hearing the most brilliant, illuminating, rhetorical and soul stirring sermon we have ever heard since the days of the late Bishop Abram Grant.

Comparatively unheeded and unannounced there came to this city last Saturday in the person of Bishop Nelson Caldwell Cleaves of Memphis, Tenn. Presiding Bishop of the Sixth District of the C. M. E. Church, one of the most scholarly, dignified and brilliant ministers the race has ever produced. Bishop Cleaves took for his text the third and fourth verses of the 24th chapter of Matthew, which spoke of the warring nations and the end of the world, and for his theme took "What Shall the End Be?" and for an hour and a quarter such logic and pathos and eloquence and power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ had never been witnessed by the writer before. Strong men and women shed tears, others screamed for joy, while the very essence of the Holy Ghost seemed to permeate the entire assemblage. Only about three hundred people were present to hear this great man and this remarkable sermon, but we predict that when it is announced that he shall come again no church edifice in this city will be large enough to hold the audience that will assemble to hear this man who preaches the gospel as does no other man of his time and generation.

On Monday night a delightful banquet was given in honor of the Bishop, mention of which is made in another column; and on Tuesday night he was similarly honored by the members and friends of Dr. Bolden's church of Kansas City, Kas.

We might stop to remark here that Jamison Temple has one of the best choirs in Kansas City, and in the person of Mrs. W. H. Nickens has a soprano who is a finished artist and easily ranks among the best Kansas City has ever heard.

Come again, Bishop Cleaves, and The Sun pledges you a congregation to hear you such as your great ability and wonderful eloquence entitle you to, and rest assured that you have made a place in the hearts of those that were fortunate enough to hear you that will never be forgotten.